

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Wilson, et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER : 10/664,610 EXAMINER: Louise Wang Zhiying Humphrey, Ph.D.  
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FOR : PROPHYLACTIC AND THERAPEUTIC HIV APTAMERS

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 1, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group II, claims 46-57, 60-64 and 66-70, drawn to a method of identifying an aptamer.

Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. With a three-month extension, this response is due on or before September 1, 2006. Although no additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 23239-538.

Respectfully submitted,

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